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ANNAPOLIS DRUG DEALER CONVICTED

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that ANTHONY GERALD WHITE, SR., 36, of Columbia Maryland, but who frequents Annapolis public housing projects, was convicted of drug conspiracy and firearms violations charges, by a federal jury late yesterday afternoon.

WHITE was charged in a superseding indictment with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine base “crack” cocaine and cocaine hydrochloride “powder” cocaine within 1,000 feet of a public housing facility, as well as being a felon in possession of two loaded semi-automatic handguns and ammunition.

The 4 day trial was presided over by United States District Judge Willam D. Quarles, Jr. Evidence produced at trial included wiretapped conversations of WHITE and a co-conspirator discussing drug transactions in coded language. At trial WHITE testified that the conversations were not drug related but involved discussions of other illegal activity. WHITE also denied possession of the firearms and ammunition. WHITE’s wife also testified that she had purchased the guns and produced a receipt from a pawn shop which reflected her as the purchaser of one of the

guns. The Government called as a witness an ATF fingerprint expert, who had previously testified in the DC sniper cases, who testified in this trial that he had found WHITE'S fingerprints on two boxes of ammunition, which was the same caliber as the ammunition in the two guns. The jury deliberated for approximately 3 hours before finding WHITE guilty. After the verdict was read, Judge Quarles revoked WHITE'S bail and remanded him to custody. Sentencing is set for May 9, 2004. WHITE faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years to life imprisonment, as well as an \$8,000,000 fine, as a result of his conviction for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine within 1000 feet of a public housing project. Each of the firearm charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, with assistance from the Anne Arundel County, Howard County and Annapolis Police Departments. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jane M. Erisman and Christopher J. Romano.